

EXPLOSION AND FIRE IN  
A BIG NEWSPAPER PLANT

More Than Twenty Killed  
in Building of Los  
Angeles Times.

## CAUSE IS UNKNOWN

Charge of Owners that Bomb  
Was Used in Labor War Is  
Indignantly Denied.

Los Angeles, Oct. 1.—Chief of Police Galloway said today: "That the Times building was wrecked by dynamite seems certain from all that my men can learn. About 100 patrolmen and most of the detectives are on duty at the fire. We find some things that seemed to us to point at the authors of this calamity. Whether they will end in any real result is impossible to tell now, but I do know that whether they do or not the police will keep at it without rest until this whole matter is laid bare."

Completely Destroyed.  
Los Angeles, Cal., Oct. 1.—The building and plant of the Times, of which General Harrison Gray Otis is editor and principal owner, was completely destroyed by an explosion and fire early today, resulting in the death of upwards of 20 employees and financial loss of nearly half a million dollars.

Some of the Dead.  
Among the dead are:  
HARVEY C. ELDER, assistant city editor.  
CHARLES E. LOVELACE, country editor.  
J. WESLEY REAVES, secretary to Manager Chandler.  
R. L. SAWYER, telegraph operator.  
HARRY L. CRANE, assistant telegraph editor.

The city council today voted a \$25,000 fund for use in running down the dynamite.  
Foreman Crabb of the composing room estimates there were 115 men in the building, 85 of them in his department. He believes 18 of his men were killed and the fatalities in the other departments were about the same number.

Another Attempt Made.  
Manager Chandler is authority for the statement an attempt to blow up the Times auxiliary plant in another part of the city was made a few minutes before the explosion destroyed the main office.

Blames Labor Unions.  
The management of the paper lays blame for the explosion to labor unions with which organizations the paper has long been engaged in a bitter warfare. It is charged unknown parties set off a charge of dynamite in a blind alley which ran into the center of the building, completely wrecking the interior and setting it on fire from the roof to the basement.

Many in the Building.  
Between 50 and 75 employees were in the building at the time, and until the whole list of employees can be checked over it will not be known how many lives were lost. The responsible heads of the paper, including Assistant General Manager Chandler, had narrow escapes from death, many of them having left the building a short time before the explosion.

Gas Caused the Fire.  
The force of the explosion broke gas pipes and released gas which was instantaneously ignited in every part of the building. No other cause but that of a dynamite explosion was advanced by witnesses, excepting in the case of a Western Union telegraph operator, William Firman, who stated he detected the odor of gas throughout the building earlier in the night and had called attention to it.

Two Suspects Arrested.  
After the explosion the police arrested Harry Plake and William Irwin as suspects. Police are without clues as to the probable perpetrators. Wesley Reeves, secretary to Manager Chandler, has not been found since the fire, and it is thought he is among the dead.

Had Been Threatened.  
Speaking of the explosion, Chandler declared there is no doubt this terrible outrage can be laid at the doors of the labor unions; that it was caused by the use of dynamite, and that an explosion of gas could not have caused such a complete wreck. He says that for years the owners of the paper have been receiving threatening letters.

Bomb Under Home.  
F. J. Zeeland, secretary of the Merchants' and Manufacturers' association, notified the police today that a charge of dynamite had been found under his house. The bomb found was of clock work design and consisted of 15 sticks of dynamite.

## THE WEATHER

Fair tonight and Sunday. Slightly cooler tonight.

Temperature at 7 a. m., 57. Maximum temperature in last 24 hours, 82; minimum in 12 hours, 56. Velocity of wind at 7 a. m., 4 miles per hour. Precipitation, none. Relative humidity, at 7 p. m. 66, at 7 a. m. 67.

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| St. Paul         | 1.0 | .0 |
| Red Wing         | 1.0 | .0 |
| Reed's Landing   | 1.0 | .0 |
| La Crosse        | 1.0 | .0 |
| Prairie du Chien | 1.3 | .1 |
| Dubuque          | 1.3 | .1 |
| LeClaire         | 1.5 | .1 |
| Davenport        | 1.5 | .1 |

A falling tendency in the Mississippi will continue from below Dubuque to Muscatine.  
J. M. SHERIER, Local Forecaster.

## ASTRONOMICAL EVENTS.

(From noon today to noon tomorrow.)  
Sun sets 5:39, rises 5:54, moon rises 4:59 a. m.; 6:50 p. m., moon in conjunction with Venus; 11:34 p. m., moon in conjunction with Mercury. Barely possible all will be seen in early morning sky east. Constellations visible 8:30 p. m. in October: Overhead, Cygnus, Pegasus, Delphinus; north, Ursa Minor and Major, Cepheus; northeast, Auriga, Perseus, Cassiopeia; east, Taurus, Aries, Pisces; southeast, Cetus, Sculptor; south, Aquarius, Capricornus, Pisces Australis; west, Aquila, Hercules, Ophiuchus; northwest, Lyra, Corona Borealis, Draco. Bright stars same hour with rank after each: Overhead, Deneb, 20; northeast, Capella, 4; east, Aldebaran, 14; west, Altair, 13; northwest, Vega, 6. Planets during October: Mercury, morning star, visible low in east from 5th to 10th; Venus rises about 4:30 a. m. in Leo; Mars rises about 5:30 a. m. in Virgo; Jupiter sets about 5:30 p. m. in Virgo; Saturn rises about 5:45 p. m. in Aries; Uranus sets and Neptune rises at about 10 p. m. Asteroid Vesta (230 miles diameter), sixth magnitude, visible moving about in constellation Cetus. Sun in Virgo till 20th, then Libra. Orionid meteors 14th to 24th, radiating from constellation Orion, rising late.

attached to a fuse connected with the clockwork.

Defends Unions.  
St. Louis, Oct. 1.—President Gompers of the American Federation of Labor, said today he does not believe union labor members were in any way responsible for the explosion and fire in the Los Angeles Times building. He regretted the loss of life and destruction of property, but saw no reason to think union men had anything to do with it.

Lynch Is Heard From.  
Indianapolis, Oct. 1.—President Lynch of the International Typographical union today declared the International Typographical union was not a law-breaking, dynamiting institution, that its record for more than 60 years existence was an honorable one and entirely free from resort to violence of any kind. He resented the intimation that the union had anything to do with the disaster to the Los Angeles Times.

## TO MEET IN CHICAGO

Irrigation Congress Accepts Invitation of Big Illinois City.

Pueblo, Col., Oct. 1.—The Irrigation congress voted to meet in Chicago in 1911 yesterday after Los Angeles had carried its fight to the floor of the convention and lost.

Benjamin A. Fowler of Arizona was reelected president of the congress over the recommendation of the committee on permanent organization that B. E. Twichell of New Mexico be given that honor. Other recommendations of the committee were followed. Other officers are: Secretary—Arthur Hooker, Spokane.

Foreign Secretary—E. McQueen Gray, New Mexico.

## BISHOP RAPS PROHIBITION

Daniel S. Tuttle, Methodist Declares in Favor of Local Option.

Montgomery, Mo., Oct. 1.—Daniel S. Tuttle, presiding bishop of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States, said yesterday: "All true Americans, it seems to me, ought to strive to maintain and perpetuate American principles. State-wide prohibition violates and local option supports this principle, therefore I am opposed to state-wide prohibition and in favor of local option."

Missouri at the November election will vote on the state-wide prohibition constitutional amendment.

Ex-Governor of Florida Dead.  
Jacksonville, Fla., Oct. 1.—Former Governor Broward died today following an operation for gall stones.

700 COTTON MILLS  
CLOSED BY LOCKOUT

Manchester, England, Oct. 1.—The Federation of Master Cotton Spinners today declared a lockout of 130,000 operatives and closed the doors of 700 mills owned by its members.

DIX HEADS THE  
NEW YORK TICKET

Democrats Nominate John A. Dix for Governor, Despite His Opposition.

## ONLY ONE OTHER NAME

Balance of Ticket Quickly Selected—Platform Roundly Scores "New Nationalism."

NEW YORK DEMOCRATIC TICKET.  
For Governor—John A. Dix of Washington.  
Lieutenant Governor—Thomas F. Conway of Clinton.  
Secretary of State—Edward Lazarus of Kings.  
Controller—William Schermer of New York.  
Attorney General—Thomas Carmody of Yates.  
State Treasurer—John J. Kennedy of Erie.  
State Engineer and Surveyor—John A. Biesel of New York.  
Justices of the Court of Appeals—

AVIATOR UP  
9,121 FEET

Wynmalen at Mourmelon,  
France, Performs  
Startling Feat

## THEN ENGINE STOPS

Carburetor Found Frozen—  
Suffers from Cold in Hazardous Descent.

Mourmelon, France, Oct. 1.—Wynmalen, the aviator, established a new world's record for altitude today, rising to a height of 9,121 feet. The previous best mark of 8,409 feet was made

LINK WAS NOT  
UNDER DURESS

Wayman Reads Letter of  
Thanks at Lorimer Hearing  
from Representative.

## CLAIMS TRICK WAS TRIED

Talk of Banquet for Browne a Hoax—Office as Bribe in Case of One Supporter.

Chicago, Oct. 1.—Representative Clark of Vandalla testified today before the Lorimer investigation committee that he voted for Lorimer without solicitation from any one.

Link Thanked Wayman.  
State's Attorney Wayman on the stand read a letter from Representative Link thanking Wayman for kindness during the grand jury investigation. This was to refute allegations that the confession had been secured under duress. The state's attorney said Link had given him a letter purporting to have been written by R. E. Wilson inviting Link to come to Springfield to

GRANT REPEATS EXPLOIT;  
WINS IN VANDERBILT RACE

state jobs and "plenty of the ready money" if he voted for Lorimer. Representative John H. Dewolf of Fulton county, declared that he voted for Lorimer to "break the deadlock" and that he was not promised anything for his vote nor did he receive anything.

Witness Threatened.  
The postoffice promise to Shepard was declared to have been made in person by Lorimer. Shepard said that the men he objected to were W. P. Richards and J. W. Becker of Jerseyville and that he suggested last fall the name of W. S. Pitman, a republican for the appointment, which has not yet been made.

The witness related his experience before the grand jury in Chicago when the exposure of conditions at Springfield was being made. He declared that he was threatened with indictment for perjury if he did not declare that he received money from Browne or Wilson.

Representative Dewolf, democrat, was questioned concerning his investments in real estate since the election of Lorimer. He told of borrowing money to buy two farm tracts. He testified that for a long time before the election of Lorimer he had been ready to vote for the republican to end the deadlock.

Labor Leader on Stand.  
Edward R. Wright, president of the Illinois State Federation of Labor, testified that he had advised Representative White to take the story of the conditions in the legislature to the newspaper which published it.

The other two witnesses corroborated some statements of Representative White, the first witness called.

## HIS EYE ON 1912

Senator LaFollette Will Be a  
Candidate Before Republicans  
for President.

## PROGRAM IS MAPPED OUT

Claims to Have Been the Originator  
of the Policies Roosevelt  
Later Adopted.

Madison, Wis., Oct. 1.—Senator Robert M. LaFollette again is to be a candidate for the republican nomination for president in 1912.

It can be said that this fact was freely talked during the sessions of the republican convention at Madison and plans were even made during the convention for the immediate starting of the campaign for Senator LaFollette in other states.

Will Organize States.  
The public announcement of his candidacy for the presidency will be made some time during the winter of 1911. Campaign committees will then be formed in all the states to press the campaign of the Wisconsin senator and a fight will be made in all parts of the union for his candidacy.

The appeal will be made directly to the people and the voters will be told in advance that if they desire to see a man who will really fight the great centralized capitalistic interests, it is their business to see that men are sent to the republican national convention of 1912, who will give their support to LaFollette.

Program Arranged for Him.  
The program of the entire republican convention at Madison was arranged in a good many ways in support of Senator LaFollette's presidential ambitions.  
Congressman Lenroot of the 11th district, in fact, did not hesitate to tell the convention in his address that the policies which were being exploited around the country now by Theodore Roosevelt were LaFollette and not Roosevelt policies, while the republican platform plainly ascribes the birth of the progressive movement in the republican party to LaFollette.

LaFollette Reassures Friends.  
Rochester, Minn., Oct. 1.—Senator LaFollette, who is here consulting physicians as to his physical condition, this morning began medical tests for the purpose of determining the cause of his ailment. The senator, meantime, said his friends need feel no anxiety as to his condition.

## R. S. R. HITT GIVEN PLACE

Son of Late Congressman Appointed  
Minister to Guatemala.

Washington, Oct. 1.—R. S. Reynolds Hitt of Illinois, son of the late representative who for many years headed the house committee on foreign affairs, was today appointed United States minister to Guatemala. Frank E. Hinchey of California was appointed district attorney of the United States court for China.

ST. JOSEPH, MO. LOST  
25,576 IN 10 YEARS

Washington, Oct. 1.—The population of St. Joseph, Mo., is 77,403, a decrease of 25,576.  
The territory of New Mexico has a population of 327,396, an increase of 132,086.

Averages 65 1-5 Miles  
Per Hour, New American  
Record.

## MANY DEAD OR MAIMED

Race Success as Sporting  
Event, but Revolting in View  
of Loss of Life.

Motor Parkway, L. I., Oct. 1.—Harry F. Grant, driving Alco car No. 18, won the Vanderbilt cup race today, Joseph Dawson, car No. 25, a Marmion, second; John Aitken, car No. 10, a National, third. Grant's time was 4:15:56. Dawson's, 4:18:23, 51; Aitken's 4:17:29, 72.

The Wheatley hills sweepstakes, 189.6 miles, was won by No. 46, Fal car, driven by J. F. Gainaw, in 3:15:56.45; No. 41, Fal car, driven by W. H. Pearce, second.

The Massapequa trophy, 126.4 miles, was won by car No. 51, Cole, driven by William Endicott. Time, 2:18:43 1-5.

Long Island, Motor Parkway, Oct. 1. With dead and wounded strewn along the 278.08 miles of the course, the sixth Vanderbilt cup race closed today with Harry Grant, driving a 120 horsepower Alco, winning by the narrow margin of 25 seconds. Joe Dawson was next in a Marmion and John Aitken third in a National.

Repeats His Exploit.  
By his victory today Grant repeats the exploit of last year, when he captured the cup in a car of the same make. His average was 65 1-5 miles an hour, which established a new American record.

The race was marked by a series of fatalities and accidents second only to the memorable Paris-Madrid race and its tragic results.

One Driver Fatally Hurt.  
Harold Stone of Los Angeles, driver of the Columbia car, was probably fatally injured. Both legs were broken and he was injured internally.

Charles Miller, mechanic of the Marquette-Buick car, driven by Louis Chevrolet, was killed instantly in a collision.

Ferdinand D. Zubla, New York, manager of the Pope-Hartford company, was killed in a smashup on the way down to the race.

Success From Sporting View.  
The number of accidents, short of fatalities, ran into the scores. From the sporting point of view alone the race was thrilling, being the most hotly contested long distance event ever held over open country roads.  
Judged by its cost in killed and maimed, however, the race was a revolting spectacle and a severe arraignment of the manner in which it was conducted.

WOMAN ATTACKS.  
JUDGE WITH KNIFE

Baker of Appellate Court at Chicago  
Defends Self and Escapes  
Injury.

Chicago, Oct. 1.—Mrs. Elizabeth Burke, aged 45, thought to be demented, attempted to assassinate Judge Baker of the appellate court of Cook county, on the street today. The jurist escaped unhurt. The woman rushed at Baker as he stepped out of the door of his residence and attempted to stab him with a butcher knife. Baker grasped her arm and struggled with her until a policeman appeared and arrested her. The motive was not learned.

In her cell the woman talked excitedly: "I would have killed him," she declared. "I have been sleeping in parks and ceilings for three weeks, and have had nothing to eat, think of it. Some weeks ago friends told me Judge Baker had \$100 for me. I called several times to get it, but he said he knew nothing of it. I came again today. When I drew the knife from my dress it fell to the sidewalk and we both reached for it. He got the handle and I got the blade, that's how I got cut."

Baker said the woman seemed to have a hallucination he had \$100 which he was to pay her out of some mythical trust or court judgment and had annoyed him for several weeks.

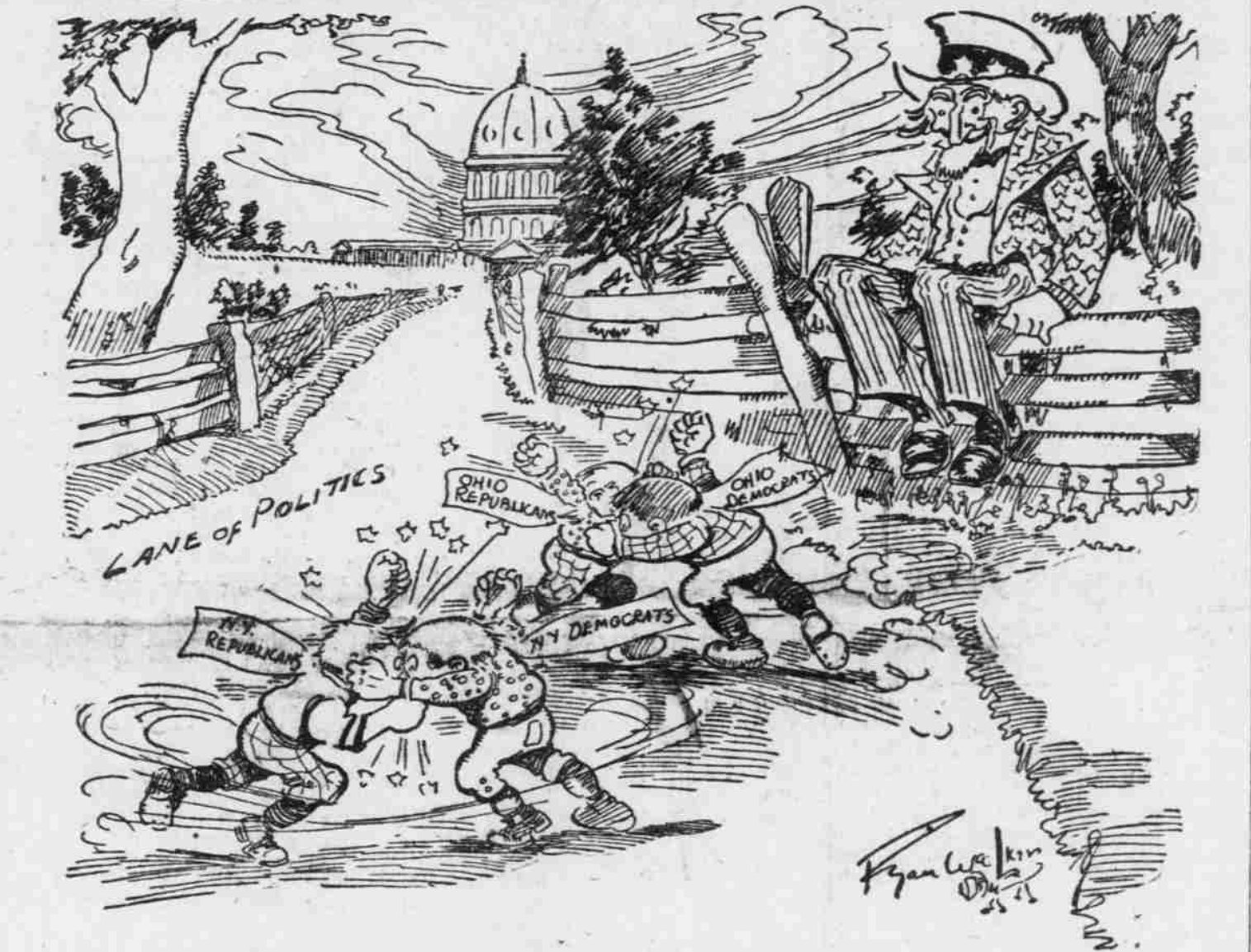
## FATAL FIRE IN A HOTEL

One Killed and Two Badly Injured  
at Willow Lake, S. D.

Willow Lake, S. D., Oct. 1.—Matthew Elwood, a laborer, was killed, and L. Muller, a traveling man, and Grover Huston, a hotel clerk, were seriously injured in a fire which today destroyed the Nicollet hotel and two business houses.

Taft Leaves Washington.  
Washington, Oct. 1.—President Taft left here at 10 o'clock for New York, where tonight he will make an important political speech.

## EVERYBODY IS INTERESTED



Uncle Sam—When them blamed kids get to scrapping I just can't take interest in anything until they get through.

Irving G. Yaun, republican, of Onondaga, and Frederick Collin, democrat, of Chemung.

Rochester, Oct. 1.—The state convention that will go in political history as one of the most remarkable in the history of the democratic party closed last night by the nomination of John A. Dix, chairman of the party's state committee and a wealthy Washington county business man, to run on the progressive platform of the widest type.

The platform, which was framed to cover the issues which the democratic leaders believe were inadequately met by the republican convention at Saratoga, gained no less attention and approval than did the candidate.

Murphy Decided.  
Regarding the platform there was from the first little or no division of opinion. But the candidate was not chosen until Charles F. Murphy, the leader of Tammany hall, who by virtue of his 213 delegates was in a position to control the convention, had canvassed the merits of no less than 14 others. "I said I would give them an up-state candidate, and I have done it," was Murphy's comment.

Mainly on account of his office as state chairman, but for personal reasons.

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by the late George Chavez.  
At an altitude of 2,500 metres Wynmalen encountered biting cold. His fingers were numbed and an icy gale checked and at times drove back the machine. Nevertheless the aviator continued to struggle upward. At the height of 9,121 feet (2,780 metres) the motor stopped and Wynmalen found his fuel was exhausted. There was nothing for him to do but plane down to the earth.

Dropped in 13 Minutes.  
This was accomplished in 13 minutes, but the graduated descent required a battle with the wind which threatened to dash the biplane to the

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HAMMOND AGAIN  
HEADS G. O. P. LEAGUE

New York, Oct. 1.—The National Republican league today elected John Hays Hammond of Massachusetts president; Edgar C. Snyder of Nebraska, vice president, and B. Atherton of Pennsylvania, secretary-treasurer. The platform endorses both Taft and Roosevelt; places the blame for increased cost of living upon the exodus from the farm to the city, and endorses the tariff law.

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RAILROAD VIEW ON INCREASE  
OF RATES ENTIRELY SELFISH

BY TAV.

(Special Correspondence of The Argus.)  
Washington, Sept. 29.—The Chicago & Northwestern railroad within ten years has returned to its stockholders in direct dividends and unappropriated surplus more than the amount of its entire capital stock.

Still this road believes it would be justified in still further increasing its freight rates as much as the traffic will bear, according to W. A. Gardner, vice president in charge of operation and maintenance. Mr. Gardner was testifying before the interstate commerce commission, now sitting in Chicago.

Holding Out Surplus.  
Another important revelation brought out in testimony was that the big railroads are not only paying big dividends, but are holding out sums

running into the millions as surplus. The surplus is put back into the road and the capitalization increased accordingly. Then the railroads increase the rates and force the public to pay a dividend on the new capitalization and at the same time make more surplus. Worked on an endless chain system, this plan enables a railroad to acquire new property, increase its capitalization and pay dividends on its capitalization all at the same time, and at the expense of the public.

It will be recalled that the railroads of the country, as if by a pre-arranged plan, filed increases which would give them collectively an increased annual profit of more than \$500,000,000.

Consumer Not Represented.  
Every household in the land will face a higher cost of living if the government permits the increases. Nevertheless, as has already been pointed out in these dispatches, the consumer is practically unrepresented at the hearings.

The interstate commerce commission takes the position it is sitting as a judicial body wholly.

The railroad companies are now telling why they should be permitted to put the announced rates into effect. It is not considered material for the commission to know whether the consumer can afford to meet the advances.

Shippers Oppose Change.  
Practically the only opposition the railroads have is from organizations of shippers. The public profits to a limited extent only through the shippers, however. In making thousands

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